

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide cross reference to the related applications.

Claim 1 has been amended to further particularly point out and distinctly claim subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 2 through 11 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. New claims 12 through 21 have been added, which also particularly point out and distinctly claim subject matter regarded as the invention.

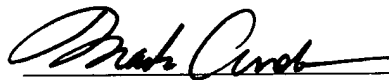
The present claims are supported by the specification, and are believed by Applicant to be allowable. No "new matter" has been added by the amendment.

In view of the foregoing, consideration and an early allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,
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